

Appl. No. 10/657,790
Amtd. Dated July 22, 2004
Reply to Office Action of April 22, 2004

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated April 22, 2004, no claims are amended. Claims 27-52 remain in the application. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application are respectfully requested.

Objections to the Specification

In paragraph 3 of the Office Action, the abstract was objected to because it exceeded 150 words.

The Applicant has amended the Abstract to overcome the objection.

Non-Statutory Rejections

On pages 2-3 of the Office Action, claims 27-52 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-26 of U.S. Patent No. 6,646,932.

The Applicants thank the Examiner and note the otherwise allowable nature of claims 27-52, and submits a terminal disclaimer in conjunction with this amendment to overcome the rejection.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application, as amended, are requested.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at the Los

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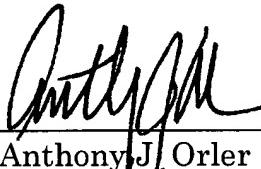
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Angeles, California telephone number (213) 337-6742 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-1314.

Respectfully submitted,
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